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SUBJECT: FOUR POWER SUMMIT DECLARATION ON BERLIN

THE FOLLOWING QUADRIpartite DECLARATION ON BERLIN WAS
ISSUED ON MAY 9, 1977 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
FOUR POWER SUMMIT MEETING.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE, THE
UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAVE REVIEWED QUESTIONS RELATING
TO THE SITUATION IN GERMANY AND PARTICULARLY BERLIN.
THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION
AT THE POSITIVE EFFECTS WHICH THE QUADRIpartite
AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971 HAS HAD ON THE SITUATION
IN AND AROUND BERLIN. THEY AGREED THAT THE STRICT
OBSERVANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT,
WHICH ARE INDISPENSABLE TO THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT
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OF THE SITUATION, ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE STRENGTHENING
OF DETENTE, THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY AND THE
DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATION THROUGHOUT EUROPE. THE
GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM NOTED THAT DETENTE WOULD BE SERIOUSLY
THREATENED IF ANY ONE OF THE FOUR SIGNATORY POWERS
TO THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT WERE NOT TO RESPECT

FULLY THE UNDERTAKINGS CONFIRMED BY THE SIGNATORY POWERS IN THE AGREEMENT AND IN THE QUADRIpartite DECLARATION OF 9 NOVEMBER 1972.

THE THREE POWERS RECALLED THAT THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT WAS BASED EXPLICITLY ON THE FACT THAT QUADRIpartite RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE CORRESPONDING WARTIME AND POST-WAR FOUR POWER AGREEMENTS AND DECISIONS WERE NOT AFFECTED. THEY REAFFIRMED THAT THIS STATUS OF THE SPECIAL AREA OF BERLIN COULD NOT BE MODIFIED UNILATERALLY. THE THREE POWERS WILL CONTINUE TO REJECT ALL ATTEMPTS TO PUT IN QUESTION THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH FRANCE, THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE SOVIET UNION RETAIN RELATING TO GERMANY AS A WHOLE AND TO ALL FOUR SECTORS OF BERLIN.

THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS RECALLED THAT ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT IS THE AFFIRMATION THAT THE TIES BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. THIS CONFORMS WITH THE INTERESTS AND WISHES OF THE PEOPLE DIRECTLY CONCERNED. IN THIS REGARD, THE THREE POWERS TOOK SPECIAL NOTE OF EFFORTS BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT RELEVANT TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN ABROAD, TO ENABLE THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN TO PROFIT FROM THE PRACTICAL BENEFITS OF

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EAST-WEST RELATIONS.

THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS PLEDGED THEIR CO-OPERATION IN MAINTAINING A POLITICAL SITUATION CONDUCIVE TO THE VITALITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN. THE THREE POWERS EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE SENAT OF BERLIN TO ENSURE THAT THE WESTERN SECTORS REMAIN AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE IN WHICH TO INVEST AND TO WORK. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CITY'S SECURITY, WHICH IS AN INDISPENSABLE PREREQUISITE FOR ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. END TEXT.

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